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Applicants:	John H. Stevens et al.	Docket:	15302ZYXWAZ (HRT-176)
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For:	MINIMALLY-INVASIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE	Dated:	December 27, 2005
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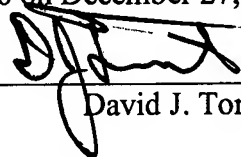
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed 24 August 2005 in the above captioned application. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

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